

May 2021
Post Newsletter
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Commander's Staff

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Loss - "defined as having something or someone leave or be taken away from you, a feeling of grief when something or someone is gone..."

With a heavy heart, we announce this month the departure of our dear friend and comrade Wendell Seedy Ulrich. Like other comrades in the past year, Seedy may have left us, but we will keep his memory with us. Post 10778 shall continue the work started by its founders. We will honor their memories and moved forward making the best we can for our veterans and our community.

Lets take a moment to cherish what we have, enjoy the people who are around us, those we see every day, and keep and hold tight our loved ones. Lets also take a minute or two to think about the departed and if you feel you need a line to keep your spirit up remember, "there is no one worthy..."

Post News

Plans for the Memorial Day Observance continues. News of the event have been sent to the print media.

Save the Dates

May 11th – 7:30 p.m. **Post Regular meeting** In person and Zoom

May 14th – deadline for June newsletter

June 8th – 7:30 p.m. **Post Regular meeting** In person and Zoom

What's left is a successful execution of the Observance plan. Have an idea to make the event better? Please contact Chuck Bosko, Parade Committee chairman. Let us patronize our sponsors. Know some business that is sponsoring our Post? Let us know the business name so we can go and partake of their products.

District News

New Location for 4th District Meeting at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 2, at Brookfield Post 2868, 8844 Ogden Ave., Brookfield.

The Post will submit a list of delegates who will be able to vote for District business. The delegation list will be presented to the District Adjutant prior to the start of the meeting, if a representative of the Post is to attend in person. If no one from Post 10778 is to

be present, the list will be sent by email prior to the event.

VA News

Veterans unable to work due to service-connected disability can qualify for independent living assistance. For more information, copy the following url into your browser,
https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/86923/veterans-unable-work-due-service-connected-disability-can-qualify-independent-living-assistance/?utm_source=VRfeature&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=VetResources

Commander's Call

All hands for meeting either in person at the Post or in Zoom. All Hands is reoccurring until satisfactory accountability is established. Information follows.

Scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: VFW Post Meeting

Time: May 11, 2021 07:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

May 11, 2021 07:30 PM

Jun 8, 2021 07:30 PM

Jul 13, 2021 07:30 PM

Aug 10, 2021 07:30 PM

Sep 14, 2021 07:30 PM

Oct 12, 2021 07:30 PM

Nov 9, 2021 07:30 PM

Dec 14, 2021 07:30 PM

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Monthly:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86960146185?pwd=OW9rcUllubzJqTWZ6MldBT01VbUdsZz09>

icsToken=98tyKuGupz0qG9CTsRGCR

pWAHY_oc-
vwiCFcj7d1skz8NRB1eDniPeZ3A6BdR
vTf

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86960146185?>

pwd=OW9rcUllubzJqTWZ6MldBT01VbUdsZz09

Meeting ID: 869 6014 6185

Passcode: 10778

Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Until meeting! Stay Safe!

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Quartermaster Report

By Mike Winner

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Statement of funds as of 4/13/21

Post General Fund	\$4,730.66
Post Relief Fund	4,777.10
TOTAL:	\$9,507.76

Semper Fidelis!

Hospital Chairman Report

By Walt Bergenthal

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Our sympathy to the family of Past Commander, Life & Charter Member Wendell A. Ulrich, better known as "Seedy," who passed away on April 7.

Seedy was a WWII Army veteran having served as a machine gunner in Europe with the 106th Division. During the Battle of the Bulge, Seedy was one of 700 of the 13,000 division members who wasn't killed, captured or wounded. He earned the Bronze Star and was

involved in three more major battles earning a total of four Battle Stars.

Parade Committee Update

By Chuck Bosko

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COVID-19 continues to have an effect on many community events although not as limiting as 2020. The Memorial Day Committee has considered the social concerns folks may still have, especially activities the annual parade typically involves including high school marching bands and other youth groups. What has been decided for 2021 is to forego the parade and simply stage a Memorial Day Observance.

Hence, the event will commence at 10 a.m. Monday, May 31, at the Tower. Joining us will be the West Suburban Concert Band and the designated Grand Marshall for 2020, Mike Holub, will be our guest speaker.

Fellow vets, Memorial Day is too important to forget and not gather as a community to reflect on the sacrifices of those we served with.

Further, show your thanks and visit the following businesses who have sponsored Memorial Day (as of this newsletter):

- Clarity Physical Therapy
- Pebble Valley Wealth Management
- R Grant Dixon & Sons Realty
- Combs Eyewear
- Steven Schroyer, DDS
- The Fruit Store
- Pack Wrap & Send
- J. Benak Service (car repair)
- Rohini Mathrani DDS.

Care to sponsor the Memorial Day Parade? Send your donation to our Post address:

VFW Post 10778

P O Box 73

Western Springs, IL 60558

Memorial Day Interesting Facts

- Originally the holiday was called Decoration Day – a day when soldiers would decorate graves of their fallen with flowers, flags and wreaths.
- Although Memorial Day became its official title in the 1880s, the holiday didn't legally become Memorial Day until 1967.
- After the Civil War, General John A. Logan, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, called for a holiday commemorating fallen soldiers every May 30. It was changed to the last Monday in May due to the Uniform Monday Holiday Act of 1971.
- In December 2000, Congress pass a law requiring Americans to pause at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day to remember and honor the fallen.
- Congress passed a resolution in 1966 officially recognizing Waterloo, New York as the birthplace of Memorial Day.

Source: Time